airbus chashanded at Patna Airport on the 12th June, 1992;

(b) if so, what are the details of the damage caused to the Airbus;

(c) what were the exact causes of the air crash; and

(d) the steps contemplated by Government to avoid such accidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Indian Airlines Flight IC-809 of 12.6.92 made a normal landing at Patna Airport and during back tracking at the end of the runway its No. 2 wheel of Nose Under-carriage got damaged.

(c) and (d) The incident is under investigation.

Grounding of Airbus A-320

481. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of high tech airbus A-320 were, recently, grounded for want of vital spares;

(b) if so, what is the number of such airbuses that have aircrashed so far or are grounded at present for lack of spares;

(c) the estimated revenue loss suffered by Government as a result thereof;

(d) whether Government have enquired into the mismanagement by the Indian Airlines for not keeping adequate stock of spares to avoid grounding of the airbuses; and

(e) if so, what is the outcome thereof and what measures have been taken by Government to avoid such a situation in future?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Out of a total of 19 A-320 aircraft procured by Indian Airlines, one was lost in an accident at Bangalore in February, 1990. Of the remaining aircraft, 5 remained on ground at different times for major maintenance check for prolonged periods owing to inadequate spares availability during the last six months.

(c) It is difficult at present to estimate the revenue loss.

(d) and (e) Indian Airlines has initiated action to streamline its inventory management.

Valuation of ITDC properties

482. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

DR. Z. A. AHMAD:

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a act that four foreign banks valued ITDC hotel properties at only Rs. 702 crores whereas a similar evaluation undertaken departmentally by ITDC sometime ago, priced the said properties at around Rs. 2000 crores;

(b) if so, what are the details and comparative statement of evaluation, propertywise, as undertaken by four foreign banks and the ITDC separately;

(c) whether it is also a fact that no efforts have so far been made by the Government to verify the evaluation made by the four foreign banks as correct or otherwise;

(d) whether Government have failed to appoint an expert committee for making an independent assessment of ITDC properties by the Ministry of Finance an C & A.G.;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(f) what action Government propose to take in this matter?